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In the Claims:

Claims 1-55 (CANCELLED)

56. (Currently Amended) A system for providing configuration data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a plurality of source mailboxes, the system comprising:

a user system comprising

a processor,

at least one email client using said processor for accessing the plurality of source mailboxes, and

a mailbox configuration data source having configuration parameters stored therein for configuring access to the plurality of source mailboxes from said at least one email client;

a web service for allowing said user system to access the plurality of source mailboxes; and

a configuration module for retrieving from said mailbox configuration data source, without user intervention, respective configuration parameters for at least one source mailbox, and for configuring said web service also without user intervention;

said configuration module having at least a portion remote from said user system and comprising an import module having at least one mailbox import agent corresponding to said at least one email client for retrieving, without user intervention, configuration parameters from said mailbox configuration data source and generating respective configuration data objects for each respective one of the plurality of source mailboxes;

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said web service comprising a configuration web page for allowing said user system to download and execute at least a portion of the remote portion of said configuration module.

57. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said web service comprises an internet service provider (ISP) that uses configuration parameters for accessing electronic mail from another internet service provider.

58. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said plurality of source mailboxes comprises a plurality of interfaces that use the configuration parameters on-the-fly for accessing respective electronic mailboxes.

59. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, and further comprising a web service interface module that formats the configuration data objects for submission to said web service.

60. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said user system comprises one of a web browser and email client.

61. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said user system comprises one of a personal computer and mobile communications device.

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62. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said configuration module is implemented as a component object module.

63. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, wherein said configuration module is implemented as an ActiveX control.

64. (Currently Amended) A method for providing configuration data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a plurality of source mailboxes, the method comprising:

providing a user system comprising

at least one email client for accessing the plurality of source mailboxes, and

a mailbox configuration data source having configuration parameters stored therein for configuring access to the plurality of source mailboxes from the at least one email client;

configuring a web service to allow the user system to access the plurality of source mailboxes; and

configuring a configuration module to retrieve from the mailbox configuration data source, without user intervention, respective configuration parameters for at least one source mailbox, and for configuring the web service also without user intervention;

the configuration module having at least a portion remote from the user system and comprising an import module having at least one mailbox import agent corresponding to the at least one email client for retrieving, without user intervention,

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configuration parameters from the mailbox configuration data source and generating respective configuration data objects for each respective one of the plurality of source mailboxes;
the web service including a configuration web page for allowing the user system to download and execute at least a portion of the remote portion of the configuration module.

65. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 64, wherein configuring the web service comprises configuring the web service as an internet service provider (ISP) and using configuration parameters for accessing electronic mail from another internet service provider.

66. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 64, further comprising forming an interface that uses configuration parameters on-the-fly for accessing an electronic mailbox.

67. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 64, further comprising formatting the configuration data objects for submission to the web service.

68. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 64, wherein configuring the configuration module comprises implementing the configuration module as a component object module.

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69. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 64, wherein configuring the configuration module comprises implementing the configuration module as an ActiveX control.